22 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Headquarters Training

SUBJECT:

CI Training for OSI (Air Force)

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called me this morning to say that C/CI/ 1. OSI had come back to them again, not urgently or with pressure, but to keep the thought alive, about the question of CI operations training for selected officers. Ray said the letter OSI is going to write us on the subject will probably be based on an oral comittment from the Agency. He asked what I thought about that, and I said I had discussed exactly that point with you right after his previous call and that you had said the only correct channel was to DTR. I made it clear that no one DDP/ in the Operations School could make such a comittment, and I at least implied that no one on the CI Staff would be well advised to

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then agreed that it would be far easier to move the proposition through channels after receipt of letter request from Chief, OSI. He asked about timing once the training was approved. I said that unless it was done next month, which would be pretty difficult to prepare for, it would have to be done after the first two weeks in February because of scheduled CI/ and CI/ comittments. He said that as far as he was concerned next month would be too much of a crash affair, and said he wasn't sure even a letter from a four star general would dispose us to change our existing schedules. I explained what I know about how Mr. Baird feels about changing schedules and why, and he said he agree with that too.

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He mentioned in connection with all this that the DDP is new over briefing the President's Board on our entire counterintelligence thrust, and that our relations with OSI over the past four me years or so, and even the fact that the training proposal is in the wind, would probably enter into it.

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is hopeful of 4. He also mentioned the fact that CI/ to the staff as getting transferred from training officer and me to enliven the Clandestine Services program of counter CI propaganda.

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5. I told him I would see him in the reasonably near future to discuss the OSI training somewhat more in principle and also to look at the materials the DDP is using in his briefing today. He thought some of the latter might be releasable to us for instructional use.

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